

THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF MARKET RASEN

Report of the Medical Officer of Health on the Sanitation of
Market Rasen Urban District for the year 1944.

To The Chairman and Members of the Market Rasen Urban District Council,
Gentlemen,

I have the honour to report upon the health and sanitation of the District throughout 1944 as follows :-

The health of the Urban District has remained remarkably good throughout 1944.

Only five cases of notifiable diseases were recorded as against 21 in 1943. Apart from one death from influenza no deaths were notified from infectious disease.

I am unable to report any major improvement in the housing or sanitary state of the district.

One male infant under one year of age died. There were 33 live births of which three were illegitimate.

Immunisation against Diphtheria. As the result of a correction in the numbers for children from 0 - 4 years and 5 - 15 years it is now estimated that approximately 70% of the under 5 year olds and 56% of the 5 - 15 year olds have been immunised. If the boarders at De Aston Grammar School are excluded from the latter group of figures the percentage on the 5 - 15 year old age group would be 65%. I was unable to ascertain the proportion of Grammar School Boarders who had been immunised.

Area of District.

Land	972 acres.
Water	4 acres.
Population.	2,091
Habitable houses.	695
Rateable Value.	10,434
Number of Live births.	15 male 18 female
Illegitimate births.	2 1
Total deaths.	18 10
Deaths from all puerperal causes.	Nil.
One died - Congenital Malformation at Birth.	
Still births.	1.

Notifiable Diseases.

Cases notified.

Erysipelas.	2.
Scarlet Fever.	2.
Whooping Cough.	1.

<u>Causes of Death.</u>	<u>Civilians only.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Influenza.			1.
Cancer of Stomach, Duodenum.			1.
Cancer of all other sites.		3.	2.
Intercranial Vascular Lesions.			1.
Heart Disease.		2.	1.
Bronchitis.		1.	1.
Other Digestive diseases.		4.	
Nephritis.			1.
Congenital Malformation at Birth.		1.	
All other causes.		7.	3.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,
Yours faithfully,

R.J.R. MECREDY, M.A. B.Ch. B.A.O. D.P.H.
Medical Officer of Health.

Report of Work done by Sanitary Inspector for the year 1944,

To The Chairman, Members and Medical Officer of the Market Raser Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I respectfully desire to submit my Annual Report of activities and work during the year ending the 31st December, 1944.

The year has like previous years during the War not been without difficulties locally, although some improvements in Sanitary circumstances generally have been carried out, but there remains much room for further improvement in the Public Health sphere immediately possible. Necessary labour for the carrying out of Structural work has almost been unobtainable and necessary work reported to you and for which your authority for enforcement has been obtained, especially with regard to bad housing conditions, could not all be carried through, and I hope in the early future, immediately labour becomes available, it will be possible to press forward these delayed improvements.

A decided improvement in final Refuse Disposal has been obtained with the provision of a new tipping ground with its availability for more efficient control covering and consolidation. The Medical Officer and myself have pursued further the urgent necessity for lowering the high percentage of Midden and Pail Closets within the district by conversion to water carriage system, and feel more progress in that direction could be obtain if the Local Authority authorise some contributory payment to Owners of a portion of the necessary expenditure in that direction.

As the Council is aware many complaints of insufficiency of Domestic water supply in the Wold View area have been received during the year and with the Council's Post War New Housing proposals in that neighbourhood the water Authority promise early improvement. I desire to suggest that the matter be pressed forward now without delay.

The details of inspections made during the year are as follows :-

Public Health Inspections.	166.
do. Re-inspections.	216.
Inspections due to Housing overcrowding.	9.

Records show the following visits having been made.

Housing maintenance repairs.	19.
Infectious disease.	20.
Rooms disinfected.	5.
Dirty Houses.	3.
Verminous premises.	3.
Rooms disinfected.	2.
Articles destroyed for Vermin and Infectious disease.	4.
Refuse Collections.	40.
Refuse Bins.	18.
Factories.	9.
Drainage.	44.
do. (testing)	12.
Shops and Food.	12.
Fried Fish Shops.	3.
Meat shops.	8.
Bakehouses.	4.
Cowsheds and Dairies.	38.
Closets and Conveniences.	55.

Rats and mice.	6.
Water Supply.	10.
do. (sampling)	5.
Various necessary matter not included above.	<u>49.</u>
	<u>369.</u>

Food Inspections.

Fourteen animals (all pigs) were slaughtered (in emergencies) in the district during the Year and all were examined. One was condemned entirely for Generalized Tuberculosis and one for High Fever, the remainder were sent forward for sale.

The following tinned foods were condemned unfit for human consumption, fifty-five lbs. of Jam for contamination by glass and filth. Five lbs. of Pork Luncheon meat for putrefactive conditions and seventeen tins of various foods for blowing etc. The total weight of such food condemned during the year was 77½ lbs.

I remain,
Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

JOHN POTTS.

Sanitary Inspector.
Council Offices, Market Rasen.